



**Joe KELLY** MP STATE MEMBER FOR GREENSLOPES

Committee Secretary  
Health and Environment Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Secretary,

In December 2020, in my capacity as the Member for Greenslopes, I published a survey which was emailed to 4584 constituents in my electorate regarding the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill 2020.

Of that, 1,195 recipients opened the email and 77 completed the survey. I have compiled the responses below and would kindly ask that this be considered as a submission.

The survey asked:

1. Do you support a ban of single use plastics?
2. Are there any other plastics you would like to see banned?
3. Do you have any further comments?

As an overview:

- Over 89% of respondents support the ban of single use plastics.
- 92% of all respondents made suggestions for other plastics they would like to see banned.
- The top 5 suggestions of other plastics respondents would like to see banned are:
  1. Excessive supermarket and food packaging – particularly fruit packaging
  2. Takeaway food containers
  3. Polystyrene and other non-recyclable plastics
  4. All plastic drink containers – water bottles, milk bottles, soft drink bottles
  5. Heavy plastic bags – particularly those for sale in supermarkets
- There were a few interesting suggestions such as self-sealing water balloons, plastic coated signage, cotton buds with plastic and “supermarket bonus toys” (minis, ooshies, etc).

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Respondents also included other factors they would like considered in the process, such as the expense of going plastic-free, suggestions for cafes and restaurants to accept containers from customers and improving access to the container refund scheme.

A respondent raised the issue of the use of plastic cutlery in preventing harm to patients in secure mental health units, and I appreciate this being raised.

Another respondent also raised the issue of paper straws containing glue derived from wheat (an allergen) and that this can pose as a risk to those who may be allergic to wheat.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 3414 2100 or via email at [greenslopes@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:greenslopes@parliament.qld.gov.au)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Kelly'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Joe' and the last name 'Kelly' clearly distinguishable.

Joe Kelly  
Member for Greenslopes